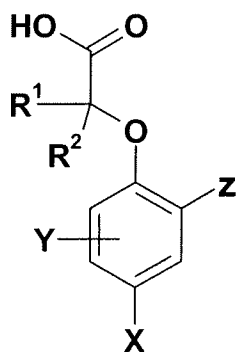


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

in which:

X is halogen, cyano, nitro, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2) or C₁₋₄alkyl which is substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

Y is ~~selected from hydrogen, halogen, CN, nitro, SO₂R³, OR⁴, SR⁴, SOR³, SO₂NR⁴R⁵, CONR⁴R⁵, NR⁴R⁵, NR⁶SO₂R³, NR⁶CO₂R⁶, NR⁶COR³, C₂-C₆alkenyl, C₂-C₆alkynyl, C₃-C₇cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OR⁶ and NR⁶R⁷, S(O)_nR⁶; n is 0, 1 or 2;~~

Z is phenyl or naphthyl aryl or a ring A, where A is a six membered heterocyclic aromatic ring containing one or more nitrogen atoms or may be a 6,6 or 6,5 fused bicycle containing one or more O, N, S atoms, ~~the aryl or A rings all being optionally~~ each of which is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from ~~from hydrogen~~, halogen, CN, OH, SH, nitro, COR⁹, CO₂R⁶, SO₂R⁹, OR⁹, SR⁹, SOR⁹, SO₂NR¹⁰R¹¹, CONR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰R¹¹, NHSO₂R⁹, NR⁹SO₂R⁹, NR⁶CO₂R⁶, NHCOR⁹, NR⁹COR⁹, NR⁶CONR⁴R⁵, NR⁶SO₂NR⁴R⁵, aryl, heteroaryl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, OR⁶, NR⁶R⁷, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, SO₂NR⁶R⁷ and NR⁶SO₂R⁷[[.]];

R¹ and R² independently represent a hydrogen atom, halogen, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or a C₁₋₆alkyl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, NR⁶R⁷, OR⁶, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2);

or

R¹ and R² together can form a 3-8 membered ring optionally containing one or more atoms selected from O, S, NR⁶ and itself optionally substituted by one or more C₁-C₃ alkyl or halogen;

R³ represents C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl which may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, OR⁶ and NR⁶R⁷, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, SO₂NR⁶R⁷ and NR⁶SO₂R⁷;

R⁴ and R⁵ independently represent hydrogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl, the latter two groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,

C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, OR⁶ and NR⁶R⁷, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, SO₂NR⁶R⁷ and NR⁶SO₂R⁷;

or

R⁴ and R⁵ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a 3-8 membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing one or more atoms selected from O, S(O)_n (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), NR⁸, and itself optionally substituted by halogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl;

R⁶ and R⁷ independently represents a hydrogen atom or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, -COC₁₋₄ alkyl, CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl or CONR⁶C₁₋₄alkyl;

R⁹ represents aryl, heteroaryl, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl, the latter two groups may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl OR⁶ and NR⁶R⁷, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, SO₂NR⁶R⁷ and NR⁶SO₂R⁷;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ independently represent aryl or heteroaryl, hydrogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or C₁₋₆alkyl, the latter two groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OR⁶ and NR⁶R⁷, S(O)_nR⁶ (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, SO₂NR⁶R⁷ and NR⁶SO₂R⁷;

or

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a 3-8 membered saturated heterocyclic ring optionally containing one or more atoms selected from O, S(O)_n (wherein n is 0, 1 or 2), NR⁸, and itself optionally substituted by halogen or C₁-C₃ alkyl.

2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which X is halogen, cyano, nitro, $S(O)_nR^6$ or C_{1-4} alkyl which is substituted by one or more halogen atoms.
3. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 in which X is trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano or halogen.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 in which Z is phenyl, ~~optionally~~ which is substituted with one or more substituents as defined in claim 1.
7. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which both R^1 and R^2 are hydrogen or one is hydrogen and the other is methyl or ethyl or both are methyl.
8. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 selected from:
 - {[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylthio)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy}acetic acid,
 - {[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy}acetic acid,
 - [(4',5-Dichlorobiphenyl-2-yl)oxy]acetic acid,
 - [(5-Chloro-4'-cyanobiphenyl-2-yl)oxy]acetic acid,
 - [(5-Chloro-4'-methoxybiphenyl-2-yl)oxy]acetic acid,
 - ~~(4-Chloro-2-quinolin-8-ylphenoxy)acetic acid,~~
 - [(5-Chloro-3',4'-dimethoxybiphenyl-2-yl)oxy]acetic acid,
 - 2'-(Carboxymethoxy)-5'-chlorobiphenyl-4-carboxylic acid,
 - {[5-Chloro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy}acetic acid,
 - {[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-2'-methylbiphenyl-2-yl]oxy}acetic acid,

~~{(5-Cyanobiphenyl-2-yl)oxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{(5-Nitrobiphenyl-2-yl)oxy}acetic acid,~~
{[4'-(Methylthio)-5-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy} acetic acid,
{[4'-(Methylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy} acetic acid,
{[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy} acetic acid,
(4-Chloro-2-pyrimidin-5-ylphenoxy)acetic acid,
~~{2-[5-(Aminosulfonyl)pyridin-2-yl]-4-chlorophenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{2-(2-Aminopyrimidin-5-yl)-4-chlorophenoxy}acetic acid, trifluoroacetate salt,~~
~~{4-Chloro-2-(4-methyl-2-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidin-5-yl)phenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{4-Chloro-2-[2-(dimethylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]phenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{4-Chloro-2-(2-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidin-5-yl)phenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{4-Chloro-2-[2-(methylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]phenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{2-[2-(Benzylamino)pyrimidin-5-yl]-4-chlorophenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~{4-Chloro-2-(2-piperidin-1-ylpyrimidin-5-yl)phenoxy}acetic acid,~~
~~(4-Chloro-2-{2-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]pyrimidin-5-yl}phenoxy)acetic acid,~~
[[2',5-Dichloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2'-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-2'-fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2'-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
2-[[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-propanoic acid,
2-[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)- propanoic acid,
2-[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*R*)- propanoic acid,
2-[[2',5-Dichloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)- propanoic acid,
2-[[2'-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)- propanoic acid,

2-[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-2-methyl-
propanoic acid,
2-[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-butanoic acid,
[4-Chloro-2-[2-[(methylsulfonyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]-5-pyrimidinyl]phenoxy]-acetic acid,
[4-Chloro-2-[2-[(ethylsulfonyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]-5-pyrimidinyl]phenoxy]-acetic acid,
[2-[2-[Acetyl(phenylmethyl)amino]-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-chlorophenoxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-5-fluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-4,5-difluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-3,5-difluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
~~[2-(2-Amino-5-methyl-3-pyridinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~
[[4'-Amino-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-Amino-2'-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[2'-Chloro-4'-hydroxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
~~[2-(2,4-Dimethoxy-5-pyrimidinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~
[[2'-Chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[2',5'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[5'-Fluoro-2'-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[5'-Cyano-2'-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-Chloro-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[2',5'-Dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[5'-Chloro-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[2'-Fluoro-6'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-Fluoro-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,
[[4'-[[[(Ethylamino)carbonyl]amino]-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-
acetic acid,
[[2'-Methyl-4'-[[[(methylamino)carbonyl]amino]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-
acetic acid,

[[4'-[[[(Cyclopropylamino)carbonyl]amino]-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2'-Methyl-4'-[[[(propylamino)carbonyl]amino]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2',4'-Dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[5'-Fluoro-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(Aminocarbonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Fluoro-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2',5'-Difluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[5'-(Aminosulfonyl)-2'-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Cyano-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Chloro-2'-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2',5'-Difluoro-4'-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2'-fluoro-5'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2'-Fluoro-4'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Methoxy-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(Aminosulfonyl)-2',5'-difluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
~~{2-Benzo[*b*]thien-3-yl-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy}-acetic acid,~~
~~{2-(2-Benzofuranyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy}-acetic acid,~~
[[4'-Chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-(1-Methylethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3',4'-Difluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
~~{2-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy}-acetic acid,~~
[[4'-Ethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(Trifluoromethoxy)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2',3'-Dichloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,

[2-(6-Methoxy-2-naphthalenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(Ethylthio)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Acetyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
~~[2-(2-Chloro-5-methyl-4-pyridinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,~~
[[5'-(Aminosulfonyl)-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
~~[2-(8-Quinoliny)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,~~
[[3'-Cyano-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
~~[2-[4-Methyl-6-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]-3-pyridinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-~~
~~acetic acid,~~
[[2'-Methyl-5'-(methylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
2'-(Carboxymethoxy)-5'-(trifluoromethyl)- [1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carboxylic acid, 3-methyl ester,
2'-(Carboxymethoxy)-5'-(trifluoromethyl)- [1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylic acid, 2-methyl ester,
[[5-(Trifluoromethyl)[1,1':4',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Fluoro-2',4'-dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2'-Nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[2'-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Chloro-2'-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[5-(Trifluoromethyl)[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
2'-(Carboxymethoxy)-5'-(trifluoromethyl)- [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylic acid, 4-methyl ester,
[[4'-Nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[5-(Trifluoromethyl)-3'-[(trifluoromethyl)thio][1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[5-(Trifluoromethyl)-4'-[(trifluoromethyl)thio][1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
~~[2-(3-Pyridinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,~~
[[2'-Fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,

[[2'-Methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[3'-Propoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Propoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[2-(2-Amino-4-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-Cyano-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4',5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[2-(2-Naphthalenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-(1-Pyrrolidinylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(Dimethylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[[(Phenylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl)amino]sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[[(5-Methyl-2-thiazolyl)amino]sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(Phenylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(Diethylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(Cyclopropylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(Aminosulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(Methylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[[4'-[(4-Methyl-1-piperazinyl)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]- acetic acid,
[2-[4-Methyl-2-(5-methyl-1,1-dioxido-1,2,5-thiadiazolidin-2-yl)-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]- acetic acid,
~~[2-[4-Methyl-2-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-~~
~~acetic acid,~~

~~[2-[2-(1,1-Dioxido-2-isothiazolidinyl)-4-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid, ammonium salt,~~

~~[2-[2-(3-Hydroxy-1-azetidiny)-4-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~

~~[2-[4-Methyl-2-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~

~~[2-[4-Methyl-2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~

~~[2-[2-(Dimethylamino)-4-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~

~~[2-[5-Methyl-2-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]-4-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~

~~[2-[2-[[(Dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-acetic acid,~~

~~[[2'-Chloro-4'-[(methoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]acetic acid
2-[[2'-Chloro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~2-[[3'-Cyano-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~2-[[4'-[(Dimethylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~2-[[2'-Chloro-4'-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~2-[[2'-Fluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~[[2',5-Dichloro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~[[5-Chloro-4'-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl][1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~[[2',5-Dichloro-4'-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl][1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~[(5-Chloro-3'-cyano[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~[[5-Chloro-4'-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]-2'-fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

~~[[5-Chloro-4'-(4-morpholinylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,~~

[[5-Chloro-2'-fluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid,
2-[[4'-(1-Azetidinylsulfonyl)-5-chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid,
2-[[5-Chloro-2'-methyl-4'-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid,
2-[(2',4'-Dichloro-5-cyano[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid,
2-[[5-Cyano-2'-fluoro-4'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid,
2-[(3'-Cyano-5-fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid, sodium salt,
2-[(2',4'-Dichloro-5-fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid, sodium salt,
2-[[2'-Chloro-5-fluoro-4'-(methylsulfonyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid
2-[[2'-Chloro-5-fluoro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2*S*)-propanoic acid,
~~[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-6-methyl-5-nitro[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]acetic acid,~~
~~[[5-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-6-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]acetic acid,~~
[[4'-(Methylsulfonyl)-2',5-bis(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]acetic acid, and
~~2-[4-Chloro-2-[4-methyl-6-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]-3-pyridinyl]phenoxy]-(2*S*)-~~
~~propanoic acid,~~
~~2-[2-[4-Methyl-2-[(methylsulfonyl)amino]-5-pyrimidinyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-(2*S*)-~~
~~propanoic acid,~~
[(5-Chloro-3'-cyano[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)oxy]-acetic acid,
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A The method according to claim 11, where in the respiratory disease is of treating asthma or rhinitis in a patient suffering from, or at risk of, asthma or rhinitis, which

comprises administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as defined in claim 1.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 2, in which Z is phenyl, ~~optionally~~ which is substituted with one or more substituents as defined in claim 1.

16. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 2, in which both R¹ and R² are hydrogen or one is hydrogen and the other is methyl or ethyl or both are methyl.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 3, in which Z is phenyl, ~~optionally~~ which is substituted with one or more substituents as defined in claim 1.

20. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 3, in which both R¹ and R² are hydrogen or one is hydrogen and the other is methyl or ethyl or both are methyl.